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| Strikes and lockouts. See Labor disputes.                                        |         |         |        |      |       |   |   |   |   |   |          |       |
|                                                                                  | 1.00    |         |        |      |       |   |   |   |   |   |          | 100   |
| Table of cases arising from labor disputes, by plaint                            | itts an | d dei   | endai  | ats, | •     | • | • | • |   | ٠ |          | 183   |
| Teachers' pensions in Boston, Law relative to .                                  |         |         |        |      |       |   |   | • |   | • | •        | 41    |
| Textile factories, Law relative to humidity in .                                 | •       |         | •      | •    | •     |   |   | • | ٠ | • | •        | 36    |
| Trade unions:                                                                    |         |         |        |      |       |   |   |   |   |   |          |       |
| Directory, 1910,                                                                 |         |         |        |      |       |   |   |   | • |   |          | 93    |
| Employment in organized industries,                                              |         |         |        |      |       |   | • |   |   |   | 1, 9, 77 | -     |
| Transportation of pupils of industrial schools, Law 1                            | relativ | e to    |        |      |       |   |   |   | • |   | •        | 39    |
|                                                                                  |         |         |        |      |       |   |   |   |   |   |          |       |
| Unemployment in Massachusetts. See Employment<br>United States. See Legislation. | t in or | ganiz   | ed in  | dust | ries. |   |   |   |   |   |          |       |
|                                                                                  |         |         |        |      |       |   |   |   |   |   |          | 10    |
| Venue of actions for damages, Law relative to .                                  | •       | ٠       | •      | •    | •     | ٠ | • | • |   | ٠ |          | 49    |
| Veterans, Law relative to retirement of                                          | •       | •       | •      |      | •     | • | ٠ | • |   |   |          | 32    |
|                                                                                  |         |         |        |      |       |   |   |   |   |   |          | •     |
| Wages, Law regulating assignment of                                              |         |         |        |      | ٠     |   |   |   | • |   |          | 39    |
| Wages, Law relative to payment of, to discharged en                              |         |         |        |      |       |   |   |   |   |   | •        | 27    |
| Weights and measures, Resolve providing for investi                              | igation | of      |        |      |       |   |   |   |   |   |          | 51    |





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#### General Summary.

The Bureau presents herewith the statistics of employment of organized1 labor in Massachusetts at the end of the fourth quarter, 1909, the information being given as of the date, December 31. Comparative returns in summary form for the preceding quarter (September 30, 1909), and for the end of the corresponding quarter in 1908 (December 31, 1908), are likewise presented. An increase of 33 reports over the number received at the end of the preceding quarter will be noted, although the aggregate membership represented by the increased number of reports this quarter is somewhat less than the aggregate membership reporting at the end of the preceding quarter. The returns now represent about 65 per cent of the total number, and somewhat over 60 per cent of the aggregate membership, of all local organizations in the Commonwealth.

The following comparative statement shows the number and membership of the organizations reporting at the end of each quarter since the gathering of these returns was inaugurated, also the number of members idle, and the corresponding percentages. For the purpose of emphasizing the comparison for December 31 in 1908 and 1909, the data for these respective dates are printed in full-face type in this table.

Table I.—Number and Membership of Labor Organizations Reporting and Number of Members and Percentage of Membership Idle at End of Quarters Specified.

|                     |       |  |  |        | Number  | REPORTING | IDLE AT END OF QUARTER |       |  |  |
|---------------------|-------|--|--|--------|---------|-----------|------------------------|-------|--|--|
| QUARTER             | ING — |  |  | Unions | Members | Members   | Percentages            |       |  |  |
| March 31, 1908, .   |       |  |  |        | 256     | 66,968    | 11,987                 | 17.90 |  |  |
| June 30, 1908, .    |       |  |  |        | 493     | 72,815    | 10,490                 | 14.41 |  |  |
| September 30, 1908, |       |  |  |        | 651     | 83,969    | 8,918                  | 10.62 |  |  |
| December 31, 1908,  |       |  |  |        | 770     | 102,941   | 14,345                 | 13.94 |  |  |
| March 31, 1909, .   |       |  |  | .      | 777     | 105,059   | 11,997                 | 11.42 |  |  |
| June 30, 1909, .    |       |  |  |        | 780     | 105,944   | 6,736                  | 6.36  |  |  |
| September 30, 1909, |       |  |  |        | 797     | 113,464   | 5,451                  | 4.80  |  |  |
| December 31, 1909,  |       |  |  | .      | 830     | 107,689   | 10,084                 | 9.36  |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There is no source from which information as to the state of employment of unorganized workingmen can be obtained short of a census, which obviously can not be taken quarterly.

On December 31, 1909, out of an aggregate membership of 107,689, representing 830 unions, 10,084 members, or 9.36 per cent, were reported idle. Owing largely to unfavorable weather conditions at the close of the year this percentage was considerably higher than the percentage (4.80) on September 30, 1909. It was, however, over four points (4.58 per cent) lower than the percentage (13.94) on December 31, 1908. In fact the comparisons of the percentage of idleness at the end of each quarter in 1909 with the percentage for quarter in corresponding shows in each case a distinct improvement in the state of employment in 1909 over 1908, an improvement which is represented by the respective percentage differences of 4.58 for December 31, 5,82 for September 30, 8.05 for June 30, and 6.48 for March 31. average percentage of idleness for the vear 1908, based on the returns received at the end of each of the four quarters, was 14.22, while the average for the year 1909 was 7.98. Thus the difference between the average percentages of idleness for the two years is 6.24 per cent, a figure which may, in a general way, be taken to represent the improved conditions of employment in 1909 as compared with 1908.

The principal cause of idleness on December 31, 1909, as shown in Table II below, was, as usual, lack of work The percentage idle for or material. this cause on December 31, 1909, was 4.87 per cent, as compared with 3.41 per cent on September 30, 1909, and 10.98 per cent on December 31, 1908. The degree of idleness for this cause is customarily considered the proper index for determining the degree of industrial prosperity or depression. conclusion may thus be fairly drawn that the more favorable state of employment at the end of the year, 1909, as compared with the end of the year, 1908, has been due primarily to an increased demand for labor.

The next important cause of idleness was unfavorable weather. For a short period, including December 31, 1909, the weather throughout Massachusetts was very cold and was accompanied by a large fall of snow. For these reasons the percentage idle on account of weather was unusually large on the date for which the returns were submitted, and, indeed, was larger than that reported for the end of any of the seven preceding quarters for which the Bureau has presented statistics of The percentage idle on this character. account of unfavorable weather on December 31, 1909, was 2.35 per cent, as compared with 0.07 for September 30, 1909, and 0.54 for December 31, 1908. The influence of the weather is particularly to be observed in the returns from organizations in the building trades to which reference will be made later.

The percentage idle on account of disability (sickness, accident, or old age) was 1.19 per cent on December 31, 1909, as compared with 1.06 on September 30, 1909, and 1.23 on December 31, 1908. Here again we note a larger percentage of idleness on December 31, both in 1909 and 1908, than on September 30, 1909. Undoubtedly sickness is the factor contributing largely to this higher percentage observed during the mid-winter. ever may be the explanation, fluctuation in the percentages for this group of causes was comparatively slight.

The percentage idle on account of strikes or lockouts was practically the same as on September 30, 1909, but much smaller than on December 31, 1908. As the returns of unemployment are for a definite date, the comparison does not indicate to any great degree the prevalence of strikes or lockouts during the year under consideration. It should be further borne in mind that the number idle for this cause includes not only those who were idle as a result of strikes actually in operation, but

also those who were out of work as a result of prior strikes and had not at that time secured employment.

The percentage idle on account of other causes was 0.82 per cent on December 31, 1909, as compared with 0.11 per cent on September 30, 1909, and 0.51 per cent on December 31, 1908. Of the 878 idle for other causes at the end of the last quarter, 670 were idle on account of stock taking, 51 for per-

sonal reasons (not including disability), 50 on account of break-down of machinery, 19 during the introduction of machinery, and the remaining 88 for miscellaneous reasons. Stock taking is a cause of idleness which is particularly operative at the close of any year and is mainly responsible for the increase in the percentage idle for other causes at the end of the last quarter.

Table II.—Number of Members and Percentage of Membership Idle: By Causes.

Comparative Statement of Dates Specified.

|                                                                                                                                            | <b>D</b> ЕСЕМВЕ                      | R 31, 1908                            | SEPTEMBE                           | я 30, 1909                           | DECEMBER 31, 1909                     |                                             |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--|
| Causes of Idleness.                                                                                                                        | Number<br>Idle                       | Percentages of Membership Idle        | Number<br>Idle                     | Percentages of Membership Idle       | Number<br>1dle                        | Percent-<br>ages of<br>Member-<br>ship Idle |  |
| Lack of work or material,<br>Unfavorable weather,<br>Strikes or lockouts,<br>Disability (sickness, accident, or old age),<br>Other causes, | 11,302<br>554<br>705<br>1,254<br>530 | 10.98<br>0.54<br>0.68<br>1.23<br>0.51 | 3,873<br>85<br>173<br>1,199<br>121 | 3.41<br>0.07<br>0.15<br>1.06<br>0.11 | 5,248<br>2,534<br>137<br>1,287<br>878 | 4.87<br>2.35<br>0.13<br>1.19<br>0.82        |  |
| Totals,                                                                                                                                    | 14,345                               | 13.94                                 | 5,451                              | 4.80                                 | 10,084                                | 9.36                                        |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including temporary shut downs for repairs, vacations, stock taking, etc.

The following table shows at the end of the fourth quarter, 1909, the number of unions making complete returns of employment and membership, the aggregate membership reported, and the number and percentage of members idle

in each of the 16 cities from which reports were received for over ten unions having an aggregate membership of over 1,000, and in 96 other cities and towns.

Table III. — Membership and Number of Members and Percentage Idle: By Localities.

December 31, 1909.

|                |      |        |         |       |      |       | Number | Reporting | IDLE AT END OF QUARTER |             |  |  |
|----------------|------|--------|---------|-------|------|-------|--------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|--|--|
|                |      | Loc    | ALITIES |       |      |       | Unions | Members   | Members                | Percentages |  |  |
| Boston,        |      |        |         |       |      | <br>. | 152    | 37,853    | 3,474                  | 9.18        |  |  |
| Brockton,      |      |        |         |       |      |       | 33     | 7,067     | 582                    | 8.24        |  |  |
| Cambridge,     |      |        |         |       |      |       | 10     | 1,024     | 78                     | 7.62        |  |  |
| Fall River,    |      |        |         |       |      |       | 22     | 2,630     | 304                    | 11.56       |  |  |
| Fitchburg,     |      |        |         |       |      | .     | 26     | 1,520     | 92                     | 6.05        |  |  |
| Haverhill,     |      |        |         |       |      |       | 20     | 3,221     | 63                     | 1.96        |  |  |
| Holyoke,       |      |        |         |       |      |       | 22     | 1,461     | 93                     | 6.37        |  |  |
| Lawrence,      |      |        |         |       |      |       | 34     | 4,139     | 693                    | 16.74       |  |  |
| Lowell,        |      |        |         |       |      |       | 22     | 1,713     | 150                    | 8.76        |  |  |
| Lynn, .        |      |        |         |       |      |       | 38     | 7,621     | 531                    | 6.97        |  |  |
| New Bedford    | ١,   |        |         |       |      |       | 27     | 5,814     | 779                    | 13.40       |  |  |
| Quincy,        |      |        |         |       |      |       | 13     | 1,941     | 177                    | 9.12        |  |  |
| Salem, .       |      |        |         |       |      |       | 21     | 2,058     | 150                    | 7.29        |  |  |
| Springfield,   |      |        |         |       |      | .     | 36     | 3,671     | 229                    | 6.24        |  |  |
| Γaunton,       |      |        |         |       |      |       | 18     | 1,215     | 410                    | 33.74       |  |  |
| Worcester,     |      |        |         |       |      |       | 41     | 3,041     | 230                    | 7.56        |  |  |
| Other_cities : | and  | towns  | (96),   |       |      |       | 295    | 21,700    | 2,049                  | 9.44        |  |  |
| Totals         | (112 | cities | and to  | owns' | ), . | . 1   | 830    | 107,689   | 10,084                 | 9.36        |  |  |

Of the 830 unions reporting at the end of December, 1909, 535, having a total membership of 85,989 (or 79.85 per cent of the total membership reported), were located in the 16 cities specified, and the 295 unions, having a membership of 21,700 (or 20.15 per cent of the total membership reported), were located in 96 other cities and towns of the State. The percentage of idleness in Taunton (33.74), Lawrence (16.74), New Bedford (13.40), and Fall River (11.56), exceeded the corresponding percentage (9.36) for the State as a whole. In Taunton the high percentage of unemployment was due to the inclusion of returns from one large organization whose members were employed in a plant which was shut down for a short period only; in Lawrence and New Bedford temporary curtailment in the textile industry was responsible for the rather high percentage of unemployment, while in Fall River no single cause may be assigned. In the 12 other cities specified the percentages of idleness were less than that for the State as a whole. Haverhill showing the smallest percentage idle, namely, 1.96 per cent, followed in this respect by Fitchburg (6.05), Spring-field (6.24), Holyoke (6.37), Lynn (6.97), Salem (7.29), Worcester (7.56), Cambridge (7.62), Brockton (8.24), Lowell (8.76), Quincy (9.12), and Boston (9.18). The percentage in Boston, which city included 35.15 per cent of the total membership of all organizations reporting, was very nearly the same as that for the State as a whole, a relationship which has not uniformly held for each of the seven preceding quarters.

The returns received appear to be sufficiently large to justify a comparison by quarters of the percentages idle in each of the 16 cities enumerated in This comparison in the above table. Table IV shows that in all of the cities specified, with the exception of Haverhill, Lowell, Lynn, and Salem, there was an increase in the percentage idle on December 31, 1909, as compared with that on September 30, 1909, but as compared with the percentage on December 31, 1908, there was a decrease in each of the cities except Fall River, Lawrence, and Quincy (the percentages for Cambridge and Taunton not being available for the earlier quarter).

Table IV. — Membership and Percentage of Membership Idle: By Localities. Comparative Statement for Quarters Specified.

|                           |    |     |      |       |     |     |   | <b>D</b> есемве                           | R 31, 1908                             | SEPTEMBE                                        | R 30, 1909                     | <b>Десемве</b>                            | R 31, 1909                     |
|---------------------------|----|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|---|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                           |    | Lo  | CALI | FIES. |     |     |   | Member-<br>ship of<br>Unions<br>Reporting | Percentages of<br>Member-<br>ship Idle | Member-<br>ship of<br>Unions<br>Reporting       | Percentages of Membership Idle | Member-<br>ship of<br>Unions<br>Reporting | Percentages of Membership Idle |
| Boston, .                 |    |     |      |       |     |     |   | 33,234                                    | 15.23                                  | 41,536                                          | 4.13                           | 37,853                                    | 9.18                           |
| Brockton,                 | ٠  |     | •    |       |     |     |   | 9,016                                     | 9.73                                   | 10,585                                          | 6.44                           | 7,067                                     | 8.24                           |
| Cambridge,<br>Fall River. | •  |     |      |       |     |     |   | 7,576                                     | 5.46                                   | $\begin{array}{c c} 1,174 \\ 2.695 \end{array}$ | 3.15<br>7.35                   | 1,024<br>2,630                            | 7.62<br>11.56                  |
| Fitchburg,                | •  |     | •    | •     | •   |     | • | 1,071                                     | 13.17                                  | 1,023                                           | 2.64                           | 1,520                                     | 6.05                           |
| Haverhill.                | •  |     |      |       | •   |     | • | 2,049                                     | 7.03                                   | 5,785                                           | 4.44                           | 3,221                                     | 1.96                           |
| Holyoke,                  | •  |     | •    | •     | •   |     | • | 1,233                                     | 20.36                                  | 1,313                                           | 1.45                           | 1,461                                     | 6.37                           |
| Lawrence,                 |    |     | •    | •     | •   | •   |   | 2,636                                     | 14.34                                  | 3,096                                           | 3.07                           | 4,139                                     | 16.74                          |
| Lowell.                   | :  |     | :    | :     |     | •   |   | 1,168                                     | 12.59                                  | 2,599                                           | 11.00                          | 1,713                                     | 8.76                           |
| Lynn, .                   |    |     |      | i.    | - : | - 1 |   | 8,077                                     | 7.26                                   | 8,225                                           | 7.49                           | 7,621                                     | 6.97                           |
| New Bedford,              |    |     |      |       |     |     |   | 6,476                                     | 39.87                                  | 4,073                                           | 7.88                           | 5,814                                     | 13.40                          |
| Quincy, .                 |    |     |      |       |     |     |   | 1,604                                     | 3.99                                   | 2,135                                           | 2.34                           | 1,941                                     | 9.12                           |
| Salem, .                  |    |     |      |       |     |     |   | 1,419                                     | 8.67                                   | 1,664                                           | 12.50                          | 2,058                                     | 7.29                           |
| Springfield,              |    |     |      |       |     |     |   | 3,175                                     | 12.44                                  | 3,156                                           | 2.66                           | 3,671                                     | 6.24                           |
| Γaunton,                  |    |     |      |       |     |     |   | 1                                         | 1 _                                    | 1,049                                           | 2.38                           | 1,215                                     | 33.74                          |
| Worcester,                | ٠. |     |      |       |     |     |   | 2,959                                     | 11.76                                  | 3,242                                           | 2.96                           | 3,041                                     | 7.56                           |
| Other cities ar           | ad | tov | vns, |       |     |     |   | 21,248                                    | 13.34                                  | 20,114                                          | 3.66                           | 21,700                                    | 9.44                           |
| Totals,                   |    |     |      |       |     |     |   | 102,941                                   | 13.94                                  | 113,464                                         | 4.80                           | 107,689                                   | 9.36                           |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Returns not sufficiently large to justify comparison by quarters.

In Table V is shown comparatively by industries the state of employment on December 31, 1909, September 30, 1909, and December 31, 1908. In each of the leading trades represented, with one or two exceptions, the percentage idle on December 31, 1909, was less than that observed on December 31, 1908, while, on the other hand, the percentage idle was generally greater than on September 30, 1909.

In the building trades, which comprised 18.12 per cent of the total membership reported on December 31, 1909, the percentage of idleness was 17.78 as compared with 3.09 on September 30, 1909, and 21.21 per cent on December 31, 1908. These comparisons illustrate the influence of weather conditions over employment in this branch of industry. Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather at the close of 1909, as compared with the weather conditions at the close of 1908, there was, nevertheless, a somewhat smaller percentage unemployed.

In boot and shoe manufacturing (comprising 19.31 per cent of the total membership reported) the percentage of idleness was 3.33 on December 31, 1909, as compared with 7.12 per cent on September 30, 1909, and 6.37 per cent on December 31, 1908, indicating an improvement over each of the other two quarters compared.

In transportation (comprising 18.23 per cent of the total membership reported) the percentages of idleness for the three quarters were respectively 2.24, 2.87, and 5.69, indicating a somewhat more favorable state of employment at the close of 1909 than at the end of the previous quarter, and a decidedly more favorable state than at the close of 1908. Employment in railroad transportation was slightly less favorable than on September 30, 1909, but somewhat better than on December 31, 1908, the respective percentages being 1.86, 1.74, and 2.80. In the teaming industry a decided improvement in

each quarter over the earlier quarter compared will be noted, the respective percentages being 1.68, 7.41, and 11.44.

In the textile industry, owing undoubtedly to temporary curtailment, the percentage of idleness (12.57) on December 31, 1909, was greater than on September 30, 1909 (5.12), although the degree of unemployment by no means approached that on December 31, 1908, when 20.86 per cent were reported idle.

In iron and steel manufacturing less favorable conditions were reported on December 31, 1909, than at the end of the previous quarter, but there was an improvement as compared with the quarter ending December 31, 1908, the respective percentages being 10.92, 3.51, and 16.27.

The percentage of idleness for garment workers was 13.84 on December 31, 1909, as compared with 1.23 on September 30, 1909, and with 25.08 on December 31, 1908. The nature of the industry presupposes an increased percentage of idleness during the winter months. However, as compared with the close of 1908, conditions in this industry show a marked improvement.

For tobacco workers (principally cigarmakers) the percentage of idleness on December 31, 1909, was 6.76 as compared with 5.50 per cent on September 30, 1909, and with 40.62 on December 31, 1908. Attention is called particularly to the very favorable showing at the close of December, 1909, as compared with the showing at the close of December, 1908.

In printing and publishing the percentage of idleness was slightly less than on September 30, 1909, the percentages for the respective quarters being 3.92 and 3.95, and a very favorable comparison may be made with the percentage (6.06) on December 31, 1908

The unemployment of stationary enginemen has also decreased, the percentage for December 31 and September 30 being respectively 1.41 and 3.61, while on December 31, 1908, the percentage idle was 3.39.

Table VI presents in fuller detail returns received at the end of December, 1909, showing the number of unions making complete returns, the membership reported, and the number and per-

centage idle in the several industries classified by occupations. Proper caution should be used in drawing conclusions with reference to those particular industries for which only a comparatively small number of union members have reported.

Table V.—Membership and Percentage of Membership Idle: By Industries. Comparative Statement for Dates Specified.

|                                                                                                       |                                           | R 31, 1908                                                    | Sертемве                                  | R 30, 1909                                           | <b>D</b> ЕСЕМВЕ                           | R 31, 1909                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Industries.                                                                                           | Member-<br>ship of<br>Unions<br>Reporting | Percentages of Membership Idle                                | Member-<br>sh p of<br>Unions<br>Reporting | Percentages of Membership Idle                       | Member-<br>ship of<br>Unions<br>Reporting | Percentages of<br>Membership Idle     |
| Building and Stone Working.                                                                           | 19,100                                    | 22.99                                                         | 27,297                                    | 3.01                                                 | 23,000                                    | 19.88                                 |
| Building trades,                                                                                      | 14,853<br>2,829<br>1,418                  | $21.21 \\ 16.90 \\ 53.88$                                     | 22,809<br>2,746<br>1,742                  | $3.09 \\ 2.59 \\ 2.58$                               | 19,509<br>2,468<br>1,023                  | 17.78<br>30.23<br>35.00               |
| Clothing.                                                                                             | 22,488                                    | 7.73                                                          | 26,837                                    | 6.63                                                 | 23,889                                    | 4.60                                  |
| Boots and shoes,                                                                                      | 20,800<br>1,328<br>112<br>248             | $\begin{array}{c} 6.37 \\ 25.08 \\ 68.75 \\ 1.61 \end{array}$ | 24,591<br>1,946<br>244<br>56              | 7.12<br>1.23<br>2.05                                 | 20,793<br>2,839<br>133<br>124             | 3.33<br>13.84<br>10.53                |
| Food, Liquors, and Tobacco.                                                                           | 5,781                                     | 28.75                                                         | 5,575                                     | 7.48                                                 | 5,552                                     | 8.56                                  |
| Food products,                                                                                        | 344<br>1,811<br>3,626                     | 7.56<br>9.00<br>40.62                                         | 642<br>2,044<br>2,889                     | 8.72<br>9.88<br><b>5.</b> 50                         | 733<br>2,025<br>2,794                     | 8.46<br>11.06<br>6.76                 |
| Leather and Rubber Goods.                                                                             | 464                                       | 8.62                                                          | 854                                       | 24.24                                                | 194                                       | 2.58                                  |
| Metals, Machinery, and Shipbuilding.                                                                  | 6,588                                     | 17.43                                                         | 6,467                                     | 4.25                                                 | 6,809                                     | 11.07                                 |
| Iron and steel manufacture, Miscellaneous metal trades, Shipbuilding,                                 | 5,576<br>772<br>240                       | 16.27<br>21.37<br>31.67                                       | 6,043<br>168<br>256                       | $\begin{array}{c} 3.51 \\ 6.55 \\ 20.31 \end{array}$ | 5,962<br>663<br>184                       | 10.92<br>11.61<br>14.13               |
| Printing and Allied Trades.                                                                           | 4,196                                     | 9.37                                                          | 4,187                                     | 4.37                                                 | 3,762                                     | 3.64                                  |
| Printing and publishing, Bookbinding and blankbook making, Stereotyping, electrotyping, photo-engrav- | 3,364<br>252                              | 6.06<br>61.90                                                 | 3,493<br>239                              | $\frac{3.95}{16.32}$                                 | 3,164<br>146                              | 3.92<br>1.37                          |
| ing, etc.,                                                                                            | 580                                       | 5.69                                                          | 455                                       | 1.32                                                 | 452                                       | 2.43                                  |
| Public Employment.                                                                                    | 3,209                                     | 12.71                                                         | 3,017                                     | 1.49                                                 | 3,751                                     | 11.68                                 |
| Restaurants and Retail Trade.                                                                         | 2,411                                     | 7.59                                                          | 5,516                                     | 8.65                                                 | 4,118                                     | 11.36                                 |
| Hotels and restaurants,                                                                               | 1,185<br>1,226                            | 12.41<br>2.94                                                 | 3,949<br>1,567                            | 11.24<br>2.11                                        | 3,100<br>1,018                            | 14.35<br>2.26                         |
| Textiles.                                                                                             | 13,265                                    | 20.86                                                         | 6,368                                     | 5.12<br>5.77                                         | 7,494<br>6,216                            | 12.57<br>8.37                         |
| Cotton goods,                                                                                         | 12,190<br>850<br>225                      | 22.17<br>5.65<br>7.56                                         | 5,339<br>768<br>261                       | 0.91<br>4.21                                         | 880<br>398                                | 46.70<br>2.76                         |
| Transportation.                                                                                       | 18,198                                    | 5.69                                                          | 20,309                                    | 2.87                                                 | 19,633                                    | 2.24                                  |
| Railroads,                                                                                            | 10,890<br>2,106<br>2,357<br>1,999<br>846  | 2.80<br>11.44<br>17.01<br>3.90<br>1.42                        | 13,650<br>2,901<br>913<br>2,036<br>809    | 1.74<br>7.41<br>8.00<br>2.55<br>0.62                 | 12,930<br>2,140<br>446<br>3,284<br>833    | 1.86<br>1.68<br>16.82<br>2.50<br>0.84 |
| Woodworking and Furniture.                                                                            | 1,254                                     | 15.23                                                         | 1,683                                     | 3.57                                                 | 1,769                                     | 24.76                                 |
| Miscellaneous.                                                                                        | 5,987                                     | 6.45                                                          | 5,354                                     | 5.19                                                 | 7,718                                     | 4.08                                  |
| Barbering, Glassware,                                                                                 | 1,740<br>113<br>73<br>2,776               | 4.20<br>92.92<br>1.37<br>3.39                                 | 1,779<br>107<br>118<br>1,581              | 1.91<br>1.87<br>3.39<br>3.61                         | 1,996<br>111<br>242<br>3,471              | 2.96<br>99.10                         |
| Theatres and music,                                                                                   | 1,285                                     | 8.79<br>13.94                                                 | 1,769<br>113,464                          | 10.23<br>4.80                                        | 1,898                                     | 9,36                                  |

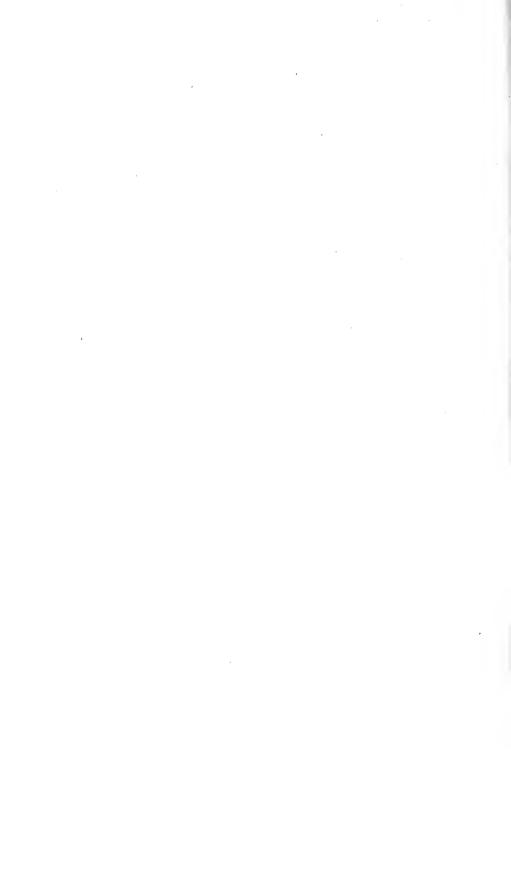
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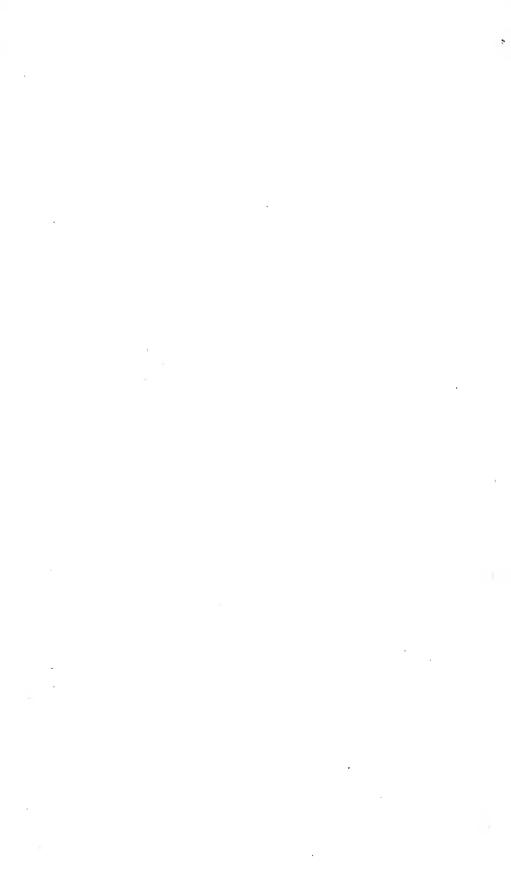
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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| INDUSTRIES CLASSIFIED BY OCCUPATIONS.                                           | Unions        | Members             | Members      | Percentages         |
| Building and Stone Working.                                                     | 260           | 23,000              | 4,573        | 19.88               |
| Building Trades.                                                                | 221           | 19,509              | 3,469        | 17.78               |
| Bricklayers, masons, and plasterers,                                            | 35            | 3,912               | 1,331        | 34.02               |
| Carpenters,                                                                     | 87            | 10,030              | 1,009        | 10.06               |
| Electrical workers,                                                             | 11<br>4       | 763<br>108          | 22 8         | 2.88<br>7.41        |
| Lathers (wood, wire, and metal),                                                | 10            | 457                 | 124          | 27.13               |
| Painters, decorators, and paperhangers, Plumbers, steamfitters, and gasfitters, | 39<br>19      | 2,213<br>809        | 848<br>46    | 38.32               |
| Roofers,                                                                        | 4             | 48                  | 11           | 5.69<br>22.92       |
| Sheet metal workers,                                                            | 8<br><b>4</b> | 644<br>525          | 25<br>45     | 3.88                |
| Stone Working Trades.                                                           | 25            | 2,468               | 746          | 8.57<br>30.23       |
| Granite cutters,                                                                | 12            | 1,624               | 280          | 17.24               |
| Paving cutters,                                                                 | 5             | 217                 | 194          | 89.40               |
| Quarry workers,                                                                 | 3<br>5        | 269<br>358          | 210<br>62    | 78.07<br>17.32      |
| Unskilled Building and Street Labor.                                            | 14            | 1,023               | 358          | 35.00               |
| Hod carriers and building laborers,                                             | 13            | 883                 | 228          | 25.82               |
| Others,                                                                         | 1             | 140                 | 130          | 92.86               |
| Clothing.                                                                       | 88            | 23,889              | 1,099        | 4.60                |
| Boots and Shoes.                                                                | 66            | 20,793              | 692          | 3.33                |
| Boot and shoe workers (mixed),                                                  | 20            | 7,052               | 168          | 2.38                |
| Edgemakers,                                                                     | 11<br>5       | 3,794<br>1,140      | 112<br>37    | 2.92<br>3.25        |
| Lasters,                                                                        | 5<br>8<br>5   | 2,686               | 178          | 6.63                |
| Stitchers,                                                                      | 5<br>6        | 1,684<br>1,814      | 58<br>48     | $\frac{3.44}{2.65}$ |
| Others,                                                                         | 11            | 2,623               | 91           | 3.47                |
| Garments.                                                                       | 17            | 2,839               | 393          | 13.84               |
| Garment workers,                                                                | 7             | 1,870               | 153          | 8.18                |
| Tailors and dressmakers,                                                        | 9<br>1        | 739<br>230          | 195<br>45    | 26.39<br>19.57      |
| Hats, Caps, and Furs.                                                           | 2             | 133                 | 14           | 10.53               |
| Employees,                                                                      | 2             | 133                 | 14           | 10.53               |
| Laundry.                                                                        | 3             | 124                 | _            | -                   |
| Laundry workers and laundry wagon drivers, .                                    | 3             | 124                 | -            | _                   |
| Food, Liquors, and Tobacco.                                                     | 36            | 5,552               | 475          | 8.56                |
| Food Products.                                                                  | 11            | 733                 | 62,          | 8.46                |
| Bakers and confectioners,                                                       | 9             | 621                 | 61           | 9.82                |
| Others,                                                                         | 2             | 112                 | 1            | 0.89                |
| Liquors.                                                                        | 12            | 2,025               | 224          | 11.06               |
| Brewery workers,                                                                | 9 3           | 1,289<br>736        | 121<br>103   | 9.39<br>13.99       |
| Tobacco.                                                                        | 13            | 2,794               | 189          | 6.76                |
| Cigarmakers and tobacco strippers,                                              | 13            | 2,794               | 189          | 6.76                |
| Leather and Rubber Goods.                                                       | 6             | 194                 | 5            | 2.58                |
| Leather workers,                                                                | 4             | 113                 | 2            | 1.77                |
| Rubber workers,                                                                 | 2             | 81                  | 3            | 3.70                |
| Metals, Machinery, and Shipbuilding.                                            | 83            | 6,809               | 754          | 11.07               |
| Iron and Steel Manufacture.                                                     | 65            | 5,962               | 651          | 10.92               |
| Blacksmiths and horseshoers,                                                    | 11            | 514                 | 26           | 5.06                |
| Boiler makers and helpers,                                                      | 8 20          | 593<br>1,902        | 102          | 17.20               |
| Machinists,                                                                     | 20            | 2,705               | 458<br>64    | 24.08<br>2.37       |
| Others,                                                                         | 6             | 248                 | 1            | 0.40                |
| Miscellaneous Metal Trades.                                                     | 15            | 663                 | 77           | 11.61               |
| Metal polishers, buffers, and platers, Others,                                  | 10<br>5       | $\frac{446}{217}$   | 47<br>30     | 10.54<br>13.82      |
| Shipbuilding.                                                                   | 3             | 184                 | 26           | 14.13               |
| -                                                                               | 3             | 184                 | 26           | 14.13               |
| Employees,                                                                      | 34            | 3,762               | 137          | 3.64                |
|                                                                                 |               | 5,104               | 131          |                     |
| Printing and Allied Trades.                                                     |               | 3 161               | 101          | 2 02                |
| Printing and Allied Trades.  Printing and Publishing.  Compositors,             | 25<br>15      | 3,164<br>2,165      | 124<br>77    | 3.92<br>3.56        |
| Printing and Allied Trades.  Printing and Publishing.  Compositors,             | 25<br>15<br>9 | $\frac{2,165}{878}$ | 77<br>46     | $\frac{3.56}{5.24}$ |
| Printing and Allied Trades.  Printing and Publishing.  Compositors,             | 25<br>15      | 2,165               | 77           | 3.56                |

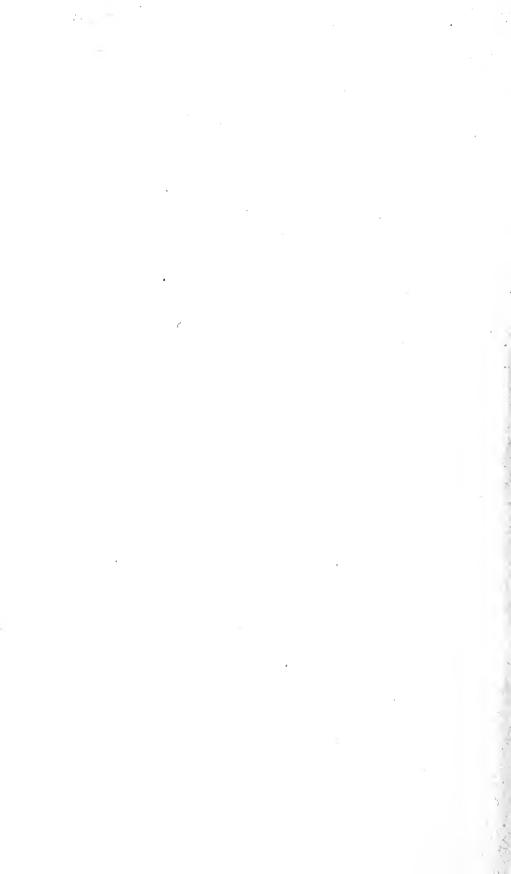
Table VI. — Number of Members and Number and Percentage Idle, December 31, 1909:
By Industries and Occupations — Concluded.

|                                                                                            | Number         | Reporting        | IDLE ON DECEMBER 31, 1909 |                      |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| INDUSTRIES CLASSIFIED BY OCCUPATIONS.                                                      | Unions         | Members          | Members                   | Percentages          |  |  |
| Stereotyping, Electrotyping, Photo-engraving, etc. Stereotypers and electrotypers, Others, | 7<br>4<br>3    | 452<br>359<br>93 | 11<br>3<br>8              | 2.43<br>0.84<br>8.60 |  |  |
| Public Employment.                                                                         | 23             | 3,751            | 438                       | 11.68                |  |  |
| Municipal employees,                                                                       | $^{21}_{\ 2}$  | 2,961<br>790     | 434<br>4                  | 14.66<br>0.51        |  |  |
| Restaurants and Retail Trade.                                                              | 33             | 4,118            | 468                       | 11.36                |  |  |
| Hotels and Restaurants.                                                                    | 19             | 3,100            | 445                       | 14.35.               |  |  |
| Bartenders,                                                                                | $\frac{16}{3}$ | 2,734<br>366     | 442                       | 16.17<br>0.82        |  |  |
| Retail Trade.                                                                              | 14             | 1,018            | 23                        | 2.26                 |  |  |
| Retail clerks,                                                                             | 14             | 1,018            | 23                        | 2.26                 |  |  |
| Textiles.                                                                                  | 35             | 7,494            | 942                       | 12.57                |  |  |
| Cotton Goods.                                                                              | <i>26</i><br>8 | 6,216<br>1,741   | 520<br>50                 | 8.37<br>2.87         |  |  |
| Loomfixers,                                                                                | 7              | 1,958            | 363                       | 18.54                |  |  |
| Others,                                                                                    | 11<br>5        | 2,517<br>880     | 107<br>411                | 4.25                 |  |  |
| Woolen Goods. Employees,                                                                   | 5              | 880              | 411                       | 46.70                |  |  |
| Other Textiles.                                                                            | 4              | 398              | 11                        | 2.76                 |  |  |
| Employees,                                                                                 | 4              | 398              | 11                        | 2.76                 |  |  |
| Transportation.                                                                            | 126            | 19,633           | 440                       | 2.24                 |  |  |
| Railroads. Building mechanics, railroad                                                    | 87<br>4        | 12,930<br>275    | 240                       | 1.86<br>3.27         |  |  |
| Car workers,                                                                               | 9              | 679<br>388       | 11                        | 1.62                 |  |  |
| Clerks, railway                                                                            | 6              | 908              | 15                        | 1.65                 |  |  |
| Conductors, Locomotive engineers, Locomotive firemen and enginemen,                        | 6<br>7<br>6    | 1,426<br>1,295   | 40<br>23                  | 2.81<br>1.78         |  |  |
| Maintenance of way employees,                                                              | 8<br>4         | 889<br>598       | 5 2                       | 0.56<br>0.33         |  |  |
| Station agents and employees, Street and electric railway employees,                       | 16             | 2,939            | 65                        | 2.21                 |  |  |
| Trainmen, railroad                                                                         | 14<br>4        | 2,928<br>605     | 64                        | 2.19<br>0.99         |  |  |
| Teaming.                                                                                   | 21             | 2,140            | 36                        | 1.68                 |  |  |
| Teamsters,                                                                                 | $^{19}_{2}$    | 1,979<br>161     | 18<br>18                  | 0.91<br>11.18        |  |  |
| Navigation.                                                                                | 2              | 446              | 75                        | 16.82                |  |  |
| Employees,                                                                                 | 2              | 446              | 75                        | 16.82                |  |  |
| Freight Handling.                                                                          | 11             | 3,284<br>2,077   | 82<br>77                  | 2.50<br>3.71         |  |  |
| Freight handlers and clerks, Others,                                                       | $\frac{8}{3}$  | 1,207            | 5                         | 0.41                 |  |  |
| Telegraphs and Telephones.                                                                 | 5              | 833              | 7                         | 0.84                 |  |  |
| Telegraphers, railroad                                                                     | 5              | 833              | 7                         | 0.84                 |  |  |
| Woodworking and Furniture.                                                                 | 16             | 1,769            | 438                       | 24.76                |  |  |
| Cooperage.                                                                                 | 4<br>4         | 75<br>275        | 19<br>19                  | 6.91<br>6.91         |  |  |
| Woodworking, Carving, and Furniture.                                                       | 12             | 1,494            | 419                       | 28.05                |  |  |
| Pattern makers, wooden,                                                                    | $\frac{4}{3}$  | 165<br>541       | 3<br>333                  | 1.82<br>61.55        |  |  |
| Piano and organ workers, Others,                                                           | 5              | 788              | 83                        | 10.53                |  |  |
| Miscellaneous.                                                                             | 90             | 7,718            | 315                       | 4.08                 |  |  |
| Barbering.                                                                                 | 25             | 1,996            | 59                        | 2.96                 |  |  |
| Barbers,                                                                                   | 25             | 1,996            | 59                        | 2.96<br>99.10        |  |  |
| Glass and Glassware.                                                                       | $\frac{2}{2}$  | 111<br>111       | 110<br>110                | 99.10                |  |  |
| Paper and Paper Goods.                                                                     | 3              | 242              | _                         | _                    |  |  |
| Employees,                                                                                 | 3              | 242              |                           | -                    |  |  |
| Stationary Enginemen. Stationary engineers.                                                | 41<br>30       | 3,471<br>1,772   | 49<br>20                  | 1.41<br>1.13         |  |  |
| Stationary engineers,                                                                      | 11             | 1,699            | 29                        | 1.71                 |  |  |
| Theatres and Music.                                                                        | 19             | 1,898            | 97                        | 5.11<br>4.00         |  |  |
| Musicians,                                                                                 | 10<br>8        | 1,176<br>678     | 47<br>50                  | 7.37                 |  |  |
| Others,                                                                                    | 1              | 44               | -                         |                      |  |  |
| Totals,                                                                                    | 830            | 107,689          | 10,084                    | 9.36                 |  |  |









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